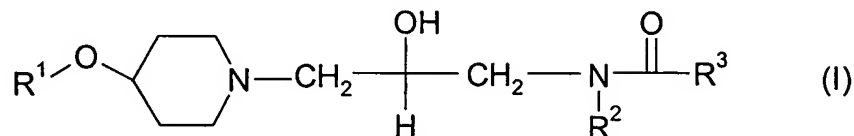


Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Original) A compound of formula (I):



wherein:

R¹ is phenyl optionally substituted by halogen, cyano, C₁₋₄ alkyl or C₁₋₄ haloalkyl;

R² is hydrogen, C₁₋₆ alkyl or C₃₋₆ cycloalkyl; and,

R³ is a group having an NH or OH that has a calculated or measured pK_a of 1.0 to 8.0;
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

2. (Original) A compound of formula (I) as claimed in claim 1 wherein R¹ is phenyl substituted with one, two or three of: halogen, cyano or C₁₋₄ alkyl.
3. (Currently amended) A compound of formula (I) as claimed in claim 1 ~~or 2~~ wherein R² is hydrogen.
4. (Currently amended) A compound of formula (I) as claimed in claim 1, ~~2 or 3~~ wherein the NH of R³ is acidic NH of R³ and is part of a ring or part of a substituent on an aryl or heterocyclyl ring.

5. (Currently amended) A compound of formula (I) as claimed in claim 1, ~~2 or 3~~ wherein the OH of R³ is acidic ~~OH of R³~~ and is a substituent or part of a substituent on an aryl or heterocyclyl ring.
6. (Currently amended) A compound of formula (I) as claimed in claim 1, ~~2, 3 or 4~~ wherein the NH of R³ is acidic ~~NH of R³~~ and is part of a suitably substituted 2-oxo-thiazol-5-yl, 2-oxo-oxazol-5-yl, 2-oxo-imidazol-5-yl, 1H-1,2,3-triazol-4-yl, 4-oxo-1H-1,4-dihydropyridin-3-yl, 2,6-dioxo-1H-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyrimidin-4-yl, 6-oxo-1H-1,6-dihydropyridin-3-yl or 2H-tetrazol-5-yl ring.
7. (Currently amended) A compound of formula (I) as claimed in claim 1, ~~2 or 3~~ wherein R³ is:
- 2-oxo-thiazol-5-yl having a suitable electron withdrawing substituent in the 4-position;
 - 2-oxo-oxazol-5-yl having a suitable electron withdrawing substituent in the 4-position;
 - 1H-1,2,3-triazol-4-yl having a suitable substituent in the 5-position;
 - 4-oxo-1H-1,4-dihydropyridin-3-yl having a suitable electron withdrawing substituent in the 2-position;
 - 2,6-dioxo-1H-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyrimidin-4-yl having a suitable substituent in the 3-position and optionally substituted in one or more other ring positions;
 - 6-oxo-1H-1,6-dihydropyridin-3-yl having a suitable electron withdrawing substituent in the 2-position and/or the 5-position and optionally substituted in one or more other ring positions;
 - 6-oxo-1H-1,6-dihydropyridin-3-yl having CH₂CO₂H on the ring nitrogen and optionally substituted in one or more other ring positions;
 - 2H-tetrazol-5-yl;

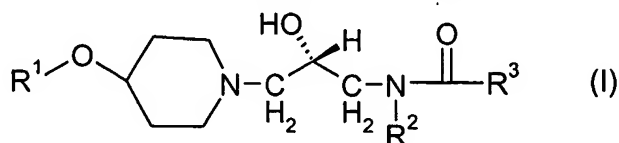
- a CO₂H, CH₂CO₂H or OCH₂CO₂H group on an optionally substituted phenyl, optionally substituted CH₂Ophenyl or optionally substituted naphthyl ring; or,
- an NHS(O)₂(C₁₋₄ alkyl) group on an optionally substituted aromatic heterocycl_yl ring;

or, where possible, a tautomer thereof.

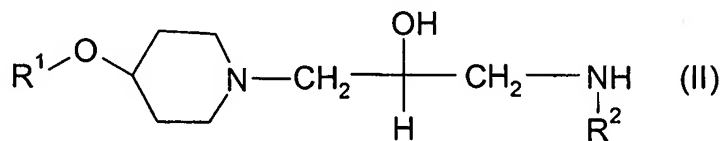
8. (Currently amended) A compound of formula (I) as claimed in claim 1, ~~2, 3, 4, 6 or 7~~ wherein R³ is:

- 2-oxo-thiazol-5-yl having a suitable electron withdrawing substituent in the 4-position;
- 1H-1,2,3-triazol-4-yl having a suitable substituent in the 5-position; or,
- 6-oxo-1H-1,6-dihydropyridin-3-yl having C₁₋₄ fluoroalkyl or cyano in the 2-position or the 5-position.

9. (Currently amended) A compound of formula (I) as claimed in claim 1, ~~2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 or 8~~ wherein the 2-hydroxy group has the stereochemistry shown below:



10. (Currently amended) A process for preparing a compound as claimed in claim 1, the process comprising reacting a compound of formula (II):

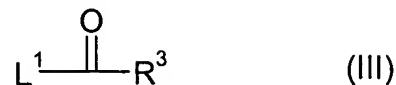


wherein ~~R¹ and R² are as defined in claim 1~~

R¹ is phenyl optionally substituted by halogen, cyano, C₁₋₄ alkyl or C₁₋₄ haloalkyl; and

R² is hydrogen, C₁₋₆ alkyl or C₃₋₆ cycloalkyl;

with a compound of formula (III):



wherein L¹ is a leaving group, and

R³ is a group having an NH or OH that has a calculated or measured pKa of 1.0 to 8.0 as defined in claim 1; in the presence of a base, optionally in the presence of a coupling agent[[:]].

11. (Original) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of formula (I), or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, as claimed in claim 1, and a pharmaceutically acceptable adjuvant, diluent or carrier therefor.
- 12-13. (Cancelled)
14. (Original) A method of treating a chemokine mediated disease state in a mammal suffering from, or at risk of, said disease, which comprises administering to a mammal in need of such treatment a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of formula (I), or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, as claimed in claim 1.